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for the year ending 31st December, 1961.

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UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

To the Chairman and Members of the Up Holland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the health of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1961, compiled in the abbreviated form indicated by the Ministry of Health.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area: 4,686 acres.

Population Estimated mid-1961 (Registrar General): 7,390.

Total Number of Houses (Census 1931): 1,199.

Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1961 according to Rate Book: 2,472.

Rateable Value: £55,003.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate: £221.

Up Holland is chiefly an agricultural area. Other industries include brickmaking, mining and factory.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births:	(Legitimate.	72	75	147
	(Illegitimate.	1	2	3
		73	77	150
Still Births:	(Legitimate.	1	Nil	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		1	Nil	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:	(Legitimate.	2	1	3
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		2	1	3
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:	(Legitimate.	1	Nil	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		1	Nil	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age:	(Legitimate.	1	Nil	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		1	Nil	1
		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
DEATHS:		46	29	75

Birth-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1961 ... 20.3
Death-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1961 ... 10.1

STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF THE YEARS 1956 - 1961.

	Live Births.		Deaths (All causes)		Stillbirths.		Maternal Mortality.		Infant Mortality.				Early Neo-natal		Perinatal Mortality	
									Under 1 year.		under 4 weeks.					
	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 total Births.	No. of deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 total Births.	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live Births.	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live Births.	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live Births.	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live & still Births.
Year 1961.	150	20.1	75	13.4	1	6.6	Nil	Nil	3	20.0	1	6.7	1	6.7	2	13.2
Year 1960.	106	14.9	66	12.4	7	61.9	Nil	Nil	7	66.0	4	37.7	4	37.7	11	97.3
" 1959.	89	13.3	57	10.9	3	32.6	Nil	Nil	1	11.2	1	11.2	1	11.2	4	43.5
" 1958.	107	16.1	87	16.7	4	36	1	9.01	3	28	3	28	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" 1957.	100	15.2	76	14.7	5	48	Nil	Nil	1	10	1	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" 1956.	115	17.9	59	11.6	3	25	Nil	Nil	3	26	2	17	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Average 5 years.	-	15.48	-	13.26	-	40.7	-	1.80	-	28.24	-	20.78	-	9.78	-	28.16

Adjusted : Live Birth-rate (comparability factor, 0.99) = 20.1 per 1,000.
: Death-rate (comparability factor, 1.32) = 13.4 per 1,000.

In the next table are shown the chief causes of Death and number of Deaths from each cause in 1961, and comparative figures for the year 1960:-

<u>Cause of Deaths.</u>	<u>No. of Deaths in 1960.</u>	<u>No. in 1961.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	---	1
Tuberculosis, other.	---	---
Diphtheria.	---	---
Whooping Cough.	---	---
Meningococcal infections.	---	---
Acute Poliomyelitis.	---	---
Measles.	---	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	---	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	1	---
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	---	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	3	5
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	---	---
Diabetes.	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	15	9
Coronary disease, angina.	8	12
Hypertension with heart disease.	---	---
Other heart disease.	14	14
Other circulatory disease.	---	2
Influenza.	1	1
Pneumonia.	3	3
Bronchitis.	2	4
Other diseases of respiratory system.	---	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	---	---
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	---	---
Nephritis and nephrosis.	2	---
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	---	---
Congenital malformations.	2	1
All other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7	5
Motor vehicle accidents.	---	---
All other accidents.	---	2
Suicide.	2	3
	<u>66</u>	<u>75</u>

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Arrangements. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Pathological Department of the Wigan Royal Infirmary and the Public health laboratories at Preston. These arrangements are satisfactory. A report on every examination is made to the Public Health Department.

Ambulance Arrangements. Ambulance service in the district is provided by the Lancashire County Council. Vehicles are stationed at Billinge Ambulance Station, and highly satisfactory service is being provided.

National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951. No action under Section 47 of these Acts was taken during the year 1961 by the Authority.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The Statutory Water Undertaker is now the Makerfield Water Board, which on the 2nd October, 1961, assumed responsibility for providing the district with a sufficient and wholesome supply of water.

The water supply is obtained from two deep wells in the district, situated at Roby Mill and Tontine.

12 samples of water from supply where treatment is installed, were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, and the results proved that all were satisfactory. Also 4 samples of water were sent for chemical analysis - all satisfactory.

Regular chlorination of the water supply is carried out.

2,526 houses in the district have a piped supply of water from the main, and 6 houses obtain their supply from wells.

Drainage and Sewerage. There are, at the present time, six small sewage disposal works in the district situated at Roby Mill, Crawford, Digmoor, Tawd Bridge, Holland Moor and Dams Head. Owing to the large amount of new property that has been completed, and to be constructed within the next two to three years, this added burden has had a tendency to overload the existing sewerage disposal facilities, and in consequence, the whole of the sewerage disposal system throughout the district is being reviewed with a view to reconstructing the Dams Head Works, and providing temporary facilities at Tawd Bridge until the new sewerage scheme for the New Town is constructed at Cobbs Brow Wood.

The Chequer Lane sewerage scheme is being prepared, together with one for the Appley Bridge area, and attention is to be given to a sewerage scheme for the Pimbo Lane area.

Sanitary Accommodation (at end of 1961).

Number of Privy middens	43
Number of closets attached to these middens	76
Number of pail closets	49
Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	3
Number of moveable ashbins	2713
Number of fresh water closets	2539
Number of houses on water carriage system	2284

Under the General Conversion Scheme, the local authority pays a contribution of £12. towards the cost of a conversion, or bears half the cost if the total cost is less than this amount. No such payments were made in 1961.

Public Cleansing. Street scavenging and removal of house refuse are carried out by the local authority.

Privy middens and ashbins are emptied regularly and the Council's own refuse collection vehicle is engaged in the removal of refuse to controlled tips.

There is no destructor in the District.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Number of premises visited	160
Number of nuisances discovered	15
Number of nuisances abated	10
Number of Informal Notices served	14
Number of Statutory Notices served	7
Number of Legal Proceedings	-
Result of Legal Proceedings	-

Shops and Offices. No inspections were carried out during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, or the Public Health Act, 1936.

Camping Sites. There are none in the district.

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Clean Air Act, 1956. Negotiations are still proceeding with the owners of the Ravenhead Brick Co. in connection with the provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956. There appears to be little or no complaint from the Pimbo Lane Brickworks area since the new oil fired burners to the kilns were installed. Also considerable improvement has been noted in the Grove Laundry, and it is hoped to have a complete eradication of the nuisance from this industry within the near future.

Swimming Baths and Pools. There are none in the district.

Disinfestation of Verminous Premises. Two houses were found to be infested during the year and these were disinfested by fumigation with Sulphur and insecticide spray.

Insecticides are distributed free where considered necessary by the Local Authority.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

1. No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full Time - Nil.
(b) Part-time - 1.

2. Action relating to rodent control during year ended 31st December, 1961:

	Non-agricultural		Agricul- tural.
	Dwelling Houses	All Other	
(a) No. of properties in district	2179	90	74
(b) No. of properties inspected	167	3	1
(c) Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections).	662	10	3
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major	Nil	Nil	Nil
- minor	Nil	Nil	1
Mice - major	Nil	Nil	Nil
- minor	20	1	Nil
(e) No. of infested properties treated	20	1	1
(f) Total treatments carried out (including re-treatments)	662	10	3
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	Nil	Nil	Nil

(h) Any other action - Inspected and treated two refuse tips, four times during the year, and inspected and treated five sewage works four times during the year.

3. Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect. 28) - Nil.

Schools.

Total number of schools in the district	...	...	8
Number of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces	.		Nil
Number of schools with fresh water closets	...	...	8
Number of schools with dust-bins	...	...	8
Number of schools supplied with water from mains	...		8
Number of schools with drainage to public sewers	...		7

The facilities for handling meals at the schools are considered satisfactory.

Factories Act, 1937 to 1959.

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities:	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority:	6	6	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises):	-	-	-	-
Total:	6	6	-	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1):	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2):	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3):	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4):	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6):	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient:	1	Will be remedied when new sewer is laid.			
(b) Unsuitable or defective:	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes:	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work):	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-

4. HOUSING.

Work on the erection of 73 houses on the Highgate Estate, under the Council's slum clearance programme, is still held in abeyance until such times as permission is granted for the sewage to be discharged into the existing sewerage system by the River Board.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year -

Traditional permanent houses:-

			<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats</u>
(i)	By Local Authority	...	Nil	Nil
(ii)	By other Local Authorities	...	Nil	Nil
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	...	192	Nil

1. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)(a)	Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	160
(b)	No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	...	...	...	203
(c)	No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	...			15
(2)	Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit				222

2. Houses Demolished:-

	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u>	
		<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
In Clearance Areas:			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas:			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act, 1957	1	5	2
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-

3. Unfit Houses Closed:-

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 ...	1	2	1
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ...	-	-	-
(3) Parts of buildings closed under section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

4. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	7	-
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts. 7	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ...	-	-

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

Position at end of year:

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation -		
(a) Under Section 48 ...	...	...
(b) Under Section 17(2) ...	...	...
(c) Under Section 46 ...	...	...
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53 ...	...	...

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year ...

No. of houses (1)	No. of separate dwellings contained in Column (1) (2)
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

7. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.:-

	Private bodies or individuals	
	No. of schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
Action during year:		
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	2	2
(b) Approved by local authority	4	4
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(e) Work completed	5	5
(f) Additional separate dwellings inc. in (e)	-	-
(g) Any other action taken under the Acts - None		

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants:-

	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected
Action during year:	
(a) Submitted to Local Authority	8
(b) Approved by Local Authority	8
(c) Work completed	11
(d) Remarks - Nil.	

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply. Four samples of milk have been taken during the year and all proved satisfactory.
2. Meat. There is one private slaughterhouse in the district. No carcasses were condemned during the year.
3. Food Poisoning. No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.
4. Ice Cream. There is one Ice Cream manufacturer in the district. The premises have been inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory. Licences are issued for the sale of wrapped ice-cream on application being approved and premises found to be satisfactory on inspection. 4 samples of ice cream were taken during the year - all being Grade 1.
5. Byelaws. The number of food premises, by type of business, in the district at the end of the year were:-

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	31
Green Grocers and Fruiterers	3
Meat Shops	4
Bakers and/or Confectioners	1
Fried Fish Shops	3
Licensed Premises	23

The number of food premises, by type, registered under S.14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under local acts were:-

Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	1
Preserved Meats	...	...	...	...	4

During the year special examinations of food stocks or consignments were carried out, and the following were condemned:

Tinned Ox Tongue	-	6 lbs.
Tinned Corned Beef	-	6 lbs.
Kidney	-	4 lbs.

The method of disposal of all condemned food is by depositing on the local authority's refuse tip.

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During 1961, cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment were removed to Whelley Hospital or Astley Sanatorium.

Three cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

151 cases of Measles were notified during the year, and 3 cases of Whooping Cough of a mild type.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is provided. The following table shows the number of persons resident in Up Holland who were immunised and vaccinated during 1961:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>Pre-School Children.</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Adults.</u>
Triple Antigen (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus).	101	23	Nil
Diphtheria Re-inforcing Injections.	21	136	Nil
Poliomyelitis: Primary.	125	52	417
Re-inforcing.	68	488	110
Smallpox Vaccinations: Primary.	89	4	3
Re-vaccination.	Nil	Nil	6

Disinfection. Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Local Authority. Dwelling houses are dealt with on removal of cases to hospital or release from isolation of infectious cases.

During 1961 - 1 house was disinfected by the method of Formaldehyde fumigators.

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1961.

Diseases	Total cases all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over	Total Deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.
Scarlet Fever.	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	151	6	14	24	22	21	60	4	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Non-paralytic).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over							
Acute Pneumonia.	3	-	-	1	1	1		3	3	3			
Erysipelas.	1	-	-	1	1	2		-	-	-			
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-			
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-			
Encephalitis (Infectious).	1	1	-	-	-	-		-	-	-			
Paratyphoid fevers.	1	-	-	1	-	-		-	-	-			

TUBERCULOSIS. This service is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, and the Up Holland cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

Four new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during 1961; these being cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis. One Death from Tuberculosis occurred during the year.

The following table shows the new cases of Tuberculosis in age groups:-

Age Periods.	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	1	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-
35-	1	1	-	-
45-	-	1	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-
75 & upwards-	-	-	-	-
	1	3	-	-
Total	4		-	

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. POTTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

